

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An imaging method comprising:

imaging a subject and capturing ~~a moving image and a still~~ an image of the subject;

adjusting a focal length and focusing on the subject which is included in a first predetermined region within an imaging range ~~of the imaging means~~;

receiving a designation regarding a position in the first region within the imaging range, ~~the designation being inputted by a user~~; [[and]]

setting the first region at a position within the imaging range, ~~based on the position designation received~~ whereby a center of the first region is located at a center of the imaging range if the position designation is not received, and upon receiving the position designation, the center of the first region being located at specified coordinates and the range of the first region being set up is smaller than that of a case that the position designation is not received.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~A program for causing a~~ computer readable memory including computer executable instructions, wherein the instructions, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform an imaging process, the imaging process comprising:

an imaging step for imaging a subject to be imaged and capturing an image of the subject;

a focusing step for adjusting a focal length and focusing on the subject which is included in a first predetermined region within an imaging range of the imaging ~~means~~ step;

a reception step for receiving a designation regarding a position in the first region within the imaging range, ~~the designation being inputted by a user;~~ and

a position setting step for setting the first region at a position within the imaging range, ~~based on the position designation received by the reception means~~ whereby a center of the first region is located at a center of the imaging range if the position designation is not received, whereas

a center of the first region is located at specified coordinates if the position designation is received by the reception step; and

a range setting step sets up the range of the first region whereby, if the position designation is received, the range of the first region set up is smaller than that of a case that the position designation is not received.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An imaging apparatus comprising:

imaging means for imaging a subject to be imaged and capturing an a moving image ~~and a still image~~ of the subject;

focusing means for adjusting a focal length and focusing on the subject which is included in a first predetermined region within an imaging range of the imaging means;

reception means for receiving a designation regarding a position at the first region within the imaging range, ~~the designation being inputted by a user;~~

position setting means for setting the first region at a position within the imaging range, ~~based on~~ whereby a center of the first region is located at a center of the imaging range if the position designation is not received by the reception means, and upon receiving the position designation, the center of the first region is located at specified coordinates if the position designation is received by the reception means; and

range setting means ~~for setting~~ for setting up a range of the first region in ~~accordance~~
~~with the position set up by the position setting means~~ such a way that, if the position
designation is received by the reception means, the range of the first region set up is smaller
than that of a case that the position designation is not received.

Claims 5-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to claim 4, further
comprising:

display means for displaying the moving image obtained by imaging of the subject by
the imaging means[[:]]

~~wherein the reception means is configured to comprise a touch panel overlaid on the~~
~~display means, detect coordinates inputted by a user with a first method while allowing the~~
~~user to check the moving image displayed on the display means, and receive the coordinates~~
~~as the position designation.~~

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to claim 8, further
comprising:

initialization means for initializing the setup of the first region and returning the setup
from a state where the position designation is received by the reception means to a state
where the position designation is not received;

wherein the reception means further receives an instruction to initialize the setup of
the first region ~~inputted by the user~~ with a second method, and

the initialization means initialize the setup of the first region based on the instruction received by the reception means.

Claims 11-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Original): The imaging apparatus according to claim 4, wherein:

the focusing means adjust the focal length and focus on the subject if the imaging means take in the still image and if the position setting means set up the position of the first region.

Claim 15 (Original): The imaging apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising:

prohibition means for prohibiting an adjusting process of the focusing means if the focusing means focus on the subject that is included in the first region and if the imaging means takes in the still image.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

exposure adjustment means for adjusting an exposure for a second predetermined region within the imaging range,

wherein the position setting means set up a position of the second region so that a center of the second region is positioned at a center of the first region that is set at [[the]] an arbitrary position within the imaging range based on the position designation received by the reception means.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): An imaging apparatus comprising:

imaging means for imaging a subject to be imaged and capturing ~~a moving image and a still~~ an image of the subject;

focusing means for adjusting a focal length and focusing on the subject which is included in a first predetermined region within an imaging range of the imaging means;

reception means for receiving a designation regarding a position at the first region within the imaging range, ~~the designation being inputted by a user;~~

position setting means for setting the first region at a position within the imaging range, ~~based on~~ whereby a center of the first region is located at a center of the imaging range if the position designation is not received by the reception means, and upon receiving the position designation, the center of the first region is located at specified coordinates if the position designation is received by the reception means;

range setting means for setting up a range of the first region ~~in accordance with the position set up by the position setting means; and~~ whereby if the position designation is received by the reception means, the range of the first region set up is smaller than that of a case that the position designation is not received;

prohibition means for prohibiting adjustment of the focal length by the focusing means,

wherein the focusing means adjust the focal length and focus on the subject if the imaging means take in the still image and if the position setting means set up the position of the first region; and

the prohibition means prohibit the adjustment of the focusing means if the focusing means focus on the subject that is included in the first region and if the imaging means takes in the still image.

Claims 18-19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to claim 17,
further comprising:

display means for displaying the moving image obtained by imaging of the subject by
the imaging means[[:]]

~~wherein the reception means is configured to comprise a touch panel overlaid on the
display means, detect coordinates inputted by a user with a first method while allowing the
user to check the moving image displayed on the display means, and receive the coordinates
as the position designation.~~

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to claim 20,
further comprising:

initialization means for initializing the setup of the first region and returning the setup
from a state where the position designation is received by the reception means to a state
where the position designation is not received;

wherein the reception means further receives an instruction to initialize the setup of
the first region ~~inputted by the user~~ with a second method, and

the initialization means initialize the setup of the first region based on the instruction
received by the reception means.

Claims 23-25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to claim 17,
further comprising:

exposure adjustment means for adjusting an exposure for a second predetermined
region within the imaging range,

wherein the position setting means set up a position of the second region so that a
center of the second region is positioned at a center of the first region that is set at ~~[[the]]~~ an
arbitrary position within the imaging range based on the position designation received by the
reception means.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): An imaging apparatus comprising:

an imaging section for imaging a subject to be imaged and capturing ~~a moving image~~
~~and a still~~ an image of the subject;

a focusing section for adjusting a focal length and focusing on the subject which is
included in a first predetermined region within an imaging range of the imaging section;

a reception section for receiving a designation regarding a position in the first region
within the imaging range, ~~the designation being inputted by a user;~~ ~~[[and]]~~

a position setting section for setting the first region at a position within the imaging
range, ~~based on~~ whereby a center of the first region is located at a center of the imaging range
if the position designation is not received by the reception means, and upon receiving the
position designation, the center of the first region is located at specified coordinates if the
position designation is received by the reception section; and

a range setting section sets up the range of the first region whereby, if the position
designation is received by the reception section, the range of the first region set up is smaller
than that of a case that the position designation is not received.

Claim 28 (New): The imaging apparatus according to claim 27, further comprising:
a display section for displaying the moving image obtained by imaging of the subject
by the imaging section.

Claim 29 (New): The imaging apparatus according to claim 28, further comprising:
an initialization section for initializing the setup of the first region and returning the
setup from a state where the position designation is received by the reception section to a
state where the position designation is not received;
wherein the reception section further receives an instruction to initialize the setup of
the first region with a second method, and
the initialization section initializes the setup of the first region based on the instruction
received by the reception section.

Claim 30 (New): The imaging apparatus according to claim 27, further comprising:
an exposure adjustment section for adjusting an exposure for a second predetermined
region within the imaging range,
wherein the position setting section sets up a position of the second region so that a
center of the second region is positioned at a center of the first region that is set at an
arbitrary position within the imaging range based on the position designation received by the
reception section.

Claim 31 (New): The imaging method according to claim 2, further comprising:
displaying the moving image obtained by imaging of the subject.

Claim 32 (New): The imaging method apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising:

initializing the setup of the first region and returning the setup from a state where the position designation is received, to a state where the position designation is not received;

wherein the received designation further receives an instruction to initialize the setup of the first region with a second method, and

the initialization instruction initializes the setup of the first region based on the instruction received.

Claim 33 (New): The imaging method according to claim 2, wherein:

the focusing step adjusts the focal length and focus on the subject if the imaging step takes in the still image and if the position step sets up the position of the first region.

Claim 34 (New): The imaging method according to claim 33, further comprising:

prohibiting an adjusting process of the focusing means if the focusing step focuses on the subject that is included in the first region and if the imaging step takes in the still image.

Claim 35 (New): The imaging method according to claim 2, further comprising:

adjusting an exposure for a second predetermined region within the imaging range,

wherein the position setting step sets up a position of the second region so that a center of the second region is positioned at a center of the first region that is set at an arbitrary position within the imaging range based on the position designation.

Claim 36 (New): The computer readable memory including computer executable instructions of claim 3, further comprising:

a displaying step for displaying the image obtained by imaging of the subject.

Claim 37 (New): The computer readable memory including computer executable instructions, according to claim 36, further comprising:

an initialization step for initializing the setup of the first region and returning the setup from a state where the position designation is received, by the reception step to a state where the position designation is not received;

wherein the reception step further receives an instruction to initialize the setup of the first region with a second method, and

the initialization instruction initializes the setup of the first region based on the instruction received by the reception step.

Claim 38 (New): The computer readable memory including computer executable instructions, according to claim 3, wherein:

the focusing step adjusts the focal length and focus on the subject if the imaging step takes in the still image and if the position setting step sets up the position of the first region.

Claim 39 (New): The computer readable memory including computer executable instructions, according to claim 38, further comprising:

a prohibition step prohibiting an adjusting process of the focusing means if the focusing step focuses on the subject that is included in the first region and if the imaging step takes in the still image.

Claim 40 (New): The computer readable memory including computer executable instructions, according to claim 3, further comprising:

an exposure adjustable step for adjusting an exposure for a second predetermined region within the imaging range,

wherein the position setting step sets up a position of the second region so that a center of the second region is positioned at a center of the first region that is set at an arbitrary position within the imaging range based on the position designation received by the reception step.

Claim 41 (New): The imaging method of claim 2, further comprising:

if the position designation is received, the range of the first region setup is always smaller than that of the case that the position designation is not received.

Claim 42 (New): The computer readable memory including computer executable instructions, according to claim 3, further comprising:

if a position designation is received, the range of the first region setup is always smaller than that of a case that the position designation is not received

Claim 43 (New): The imaging apparatus of claim 4, further comprising:

if the position designation is received, the range of the first region setup is always smaller than that of a case that the position designation is not received.

Claim 44 (New): The imaging apparatus of claim 17, further comprising:

if the position designation is received, the range of the first region setup is always smaller than that of a case that the position designation is not received.

Claim 45 (New): The imaging apparatus of claim 27, further comprising:

if the position designation is received, the range of the first region setup is always smaller than that of a case that the position designation is not received.